



2016 REPORT ON THE LAW FIRM PRO BONO CHALLENGE®

Overall Performance

One hundred thirty-five firms reported performing an aggregated total of 4,677,393 hours of pro bono work in 2016, an increase in total pro bono hours over 2015. Viewed as a percentage of total paying client billable hours, pro bono hours increased to 3.6% in 2016 from 3.5% in 2015.

Participation

The percentage of attorneys engaged in pro bono was steady in 2016. The percentage of partners participating in pro bono held at 65.6% compared to 66.0% in 2015, while the percentage of associates participating in pro bono increased to 84.4% from 83.6%. The combined participation rate was 74.9% of attorneys in 2016, compared to 74.6% in 2015.

Pro Bono for Those of Limited Means

In 2016, firms reported more than 3.2 million pro bono hours for those of limited means and organizations serving them, up from 3.0 million hours in 2015. Sixty-nine percent of all pro bono time was devoted to those of limited means and organizations serving them.

Charitable Donations

In 2016, the total amount of charitable giving to legal services organizations increased to \$26,201,507 from \$24,414,996 in 2015. The average firm donation in 2016 was \$503,875, which represents a 9.4% increase over the average firm donation in 2015, which was \$460,660.

LAW FIRM PRO BONO BY THE NUMBERS

